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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2851

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For: STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING
EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

After entry of the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 29-34, 37-42, 45, 53, 54, 58, 59, 65-68, 70-73, 75, 76, 79, 80, 82, 83, 87 and 88 as follows:

29. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein at least one of said actuators is constituted by a pair of subactuators which are parallelly arranged.

30. (Amended) A stage apparatus comprising:
a first stage that is movable linearly in a first direction;
a second stage that is movable in said first direction and in a second direction
perpendicular to said first direction with respect to said first stage;